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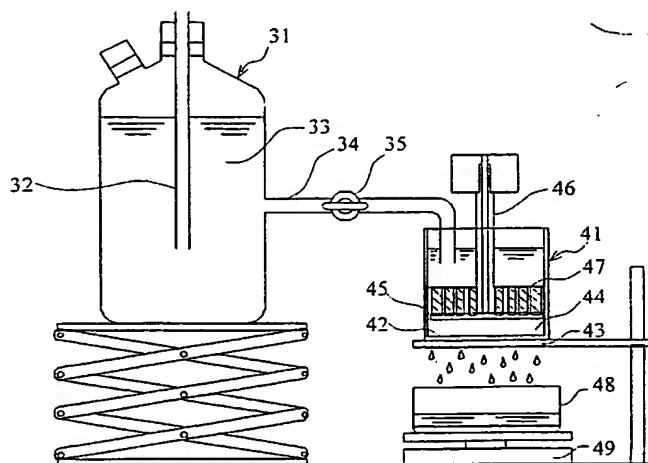
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(54) Title: PARTICULATE WATER ABSORBENT CONTAINING WATER ABSORBENT RESIN AS A MAIN COMPONENT



(57) **Abstract:** A particulate water absorbent contains a water absorbent resin as a main component, the water absorbent resin being a crosslinked polymer of a water-soluble unsaturated monomer. The water absorbent resin is particular in shape and contains particles of a particle size in a range of not less than 106  $\mu\text{m}$  and less than 850  $\mu\text{m}$  in an amount of not less than 90 mass percent with respect to the total mass of the water absorbent resin contained in the particulate water absorbent. The particulate water absorbent has a first salt concentration absorption index of not less than 0.60 as measured by a formula (1) below when ion exchange water is used as an aqueous solution of a constant salt concentration: (salt concentration absorption index) = (absorbency against a pressure of 4.83 kPa with respect to the aqueous solution of a constant salt concentration)/(absorbency against no pressure with respect to the aqueous solution of a constant salt concentration)...(1).